purview of the Family Courts Act, it has recommended establishment of one Family Court in each district-totalling 23 in the State of Andhra Pradesh, and one addtional Family Court at Hyderabad. These courts would be in addition to the seven Family Courts functioning in the State of Andhra Pradesh. This proposal is pending for considering of the Government of Andhra Pradesh.

(c) Existing Family Courts in Andhra Pradesh are located in the following districts/places:

Hyderabad; Secunderabad; Vijayawada; Kurnool; Warangal; Vishakhapatnam and Tirupathi.

Further, the Court of Additional Metropolitan Sessions Judge for trial of Jubilee Hills Car Bomb Blast Case, Hyderabad has been redesignated as Addtional Metropolitan Sessions Judge for trial of Jubilee Hills Car Bomb Blast Case Hyderabad-cum-Addl. Family Court, Hyderabad.

Setting up of Family Courts

547. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Family Courts set up, so far, State-wise;

(b) the number of Family Courts to be added this year, State-wise; and

(c) how much of the cost for new Family Courts is to be shared by Government?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. JANA KRISHNAMURTHI): (a) 96 Family Courts have been set up, in the State/ Union Territories so far. The State/Union Territory-wise details are as follows:

Andhra Pradesh-7; Assam-1; Bihar-2; Gujarat-4; Jharkhand-4; Jammu & Kashimr-1; Karnataka-9; Kerala-7; Madhya Pradesh-7; Maharashtra-16; Manipur-1; Orissa-2; Rajasthan-6; Sikkim-1; Tamil Nadu-6; Uttar Pradesh-14; Uttaranchal-5; West Bengal-2 and Pondicherry-1.

(b) The following 24 Family Courts are further proposed to be added this year:

Chhattisgarh-2; Gujarat-3; Kerala-7; Manipur-1; Uttaranchal-10 and West Bengal-1.

(c) The Central Government is providing financial assistance as per norms to the State Governments by way of meeting approximately half the expected cost of establishment and running of additional Family Courts that may be set up by the States during the year 2002-2003.

Fast Track Courts

†548. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are proposing to increasing the number of Fast Track Courts;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when a decision in this regard is expected to be taken;

(c) the details of the Fast Track Courts established throughout the country, State-wise and district-wise;

(d) the number of cases transferred to these courts and number out of them disposed of; and

(e) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government to remove the administrative lacunae of Fast Track Courts?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. JANA KRISHNAMURTHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The State-wise details of number of Fast Track Courts established is at Statement-I. The district-wise details of number of Fast Track Courts established are maintained by the respective State. However, the available district-wise information is as per Statement-II (*See* below).

(d) As per available information, 1,35,502 cases have been transferred to Fast Track Courts and out of which 58,662 cases have been disposed off by them.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.